

Introduced by Senator La Malfa

February 18, 2011

An act relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 665, as introduced, La Malfa. Water: public trust doctrine: groundwater.

Under the public trust doctrine, the State Water Resources Control Board is required to take the public trust into account in the planning and allocation of water resources and to protect the public trust whenever feasible.

This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would clarify that the public trust doctrine does not extend to groundwater.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 legislation that would clarify that the public trust doctrine does
- 3 not extend to groundwater.

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